IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

In re the application of:

Kazuo SOGA et al.

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PIPING STRUCTURE OF

CRAWLER DRIVING HYDRAULIC MOTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2002

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend of Abstract of the Disclosure to read as follows:

-- The invention provides a piping structure of a crawler driving hydraulic motor able to reduce a reduction in strength of a vehicle body frame and shorten the exposure length of a hydraulic piping in the exterior of the vehicle body frame, and reduce a damage opportunity due to an external obstacle, etc. Therefore, the hydraulic piping is connected from a hydraulic pump arranged within the vehicle body frame to left-hand and right-hand

